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Village of Farnam Board Proceedings

Regular Meeting, May 16, 2024

Notice of said meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Trustees and were also posted in three public places within the Village of Farnam. All proceedings hereinafter shown were taken while the meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

This is an open meeting of Village of Farnam Board of Trustees. The Village of Farnam abides by the Open Meetings Act in the conducting of Village business. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is displayed in this room on the south side of the North door, as required by State Law. The Board of Trustees may go into closed or executive session on any item as allowed by State Law.

Chairman Pro Tempore Tracy Adkisson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Trustees answering roll call were Dan Widick, Tracy Adkisson, Darla Lungrin, and Gary Hartley. Mike Russman was excused. Gary Hartley excused himself from the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Motion moved by Widick, second by Lungrin, to approve the agenda for the Meeting. Roll vote showed – Yes: unanimous; Absent: Russman; four approved, motion carried.

There was no public comment.

Dawson County Sheriff's Office was not available with a report.

There was not a representative for the Larry Taylor Golf Tournament available to discuss the request for an SDL for the Ribfest in June.

Resident Donna Hazen requested that the late fee be removed from her bill due to extenuating circumstances. There was no opposition to this request.

Residents Will and Kaylin Craig requested the Board review their water usage history and evaluate the accuracy of their meter readings due to backflow and air in the pipes. Communication will continue with Craigs, the Trustees, representatives from Miller and Associates and Municipal Supply, and Village employees to investigate this situation. Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Widick, to bill Craig's water with 9 water and 9 sewer units while this situation is being investigated. This billing agreement will remain in effect until Board action is taken to return to typical billing procedures. Roll vote showed – Yes: unanimous; Absent: Russman; Abstain: Hartley; three approved, motion carried.

Dave Norton of Country Partners reported that due to topography and elevator scale directions, truck traffic regularly uses Lincoln Street and Frontier Street to move around the elevator. He indicated that most trucks cannot safely turn from Railroad St onto Main St due to the tight corner and trucks do not use Carson Street going north to Highway 23 due to the grade of the hill and limited visibility on Highway 23. No action was taken regarding streets was taken.



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Molly Aden was available to update the Trustees on park improvement developments. She reported that Tom Beytien has led volunteers to create concrete forms and do dirt work to prepare for concrete that will be poured on May 24, 2024 if the weather cooperates. Fundraising has gone well and the park committee has selected the first pieces of equipment they would like to install. Because the Village owns the park and all park equipment, the Park Committee has requested that the Village purchase the equipment and donations will be made to the Village in the name of the park.

Village Clerk Darcy Gurule reported that she is communicating with ATC Communication and Jeff Ryther about having wi-fi service and electrical service at the park.

Village Attorney Brennon Malcom was not available for this meeting.

Utility Superintendent Rod Klein advised that all water samples have been sent in and returned with clean results. He stated that sewer and water systems were working without issue. The standpipe will be emptied, cleaned, painted, and refilled this year. The light on top of the water tower needs to be replaced. The meter at 321 Frontier Street has been replaced and needs to be billed.

Village Clerk, Darcy Gurule, reported that the restroom doors were fixed at the park. The contractor is waiting to receive the double doors for the storage room. Additional funds were sent by LARM to cover the increased cost of the doors. She is looking into grant funds for removing ash trees that could be susceptible to emerald ash borers. She also reviewed the contents of the water capacity survey that needs to be signed by the Chair and returned to the State of Nebraska.

Motion moved by Widick, second by Lungrin, to move \$5,000 from the Sinking Fund into a new CD at the First State Bank in Farnam. Roll vote showed – Yes: unanimous; Absent: Russman, Hartley; three approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Widick, to approve minutes from the April 23, 2024 meeting. Roll vote showed – Yes: unanimous; Absent: Russman, Hartley; three approved, motion carried.

Motion moved by Lungrin, second by Widick, to approve all claims except the payroll check for Darla Lungrin. Roll vote showed – Yes: unanimous; Absent: Russman, Hartley; three approved, motion carried. Claims were as follows:

Sinking Fund Transfer \$1,000.00, Dawson County Treasurer (Law Enforcement) \$608.34, Schaben Sanitation (Solid Waste) \$2,519.05, One Call Concepts (Digger's Hotline) \$9.18, Great Plains Tire (Fuel) \$373.99, Malcom Nelson & Windrum (Legal and Nuisance Abatement) \$687.60, CAMAS Publishing (Newspaper) \$89.47, American Ag Lab (Water Testing) \$27.56, ATC Communications (Phone/Internet) \$181.18, Dearborn (Fireman's Insurance) \$113.52, DPPD (Electricity) \$1,707.95, First State Bank (Credit Card) \$1,727.29, Payroll and Liabilities \$4,702.69, CarQuest (Filters) \$414.27, Hicken Lumber (Small Tools) \$44.78, Sargent Drilling (Sales Tax/North Meter) \$292.30, NE Dept of Public Health and Environ. (Water Testing) \$302.00, John Deere Financial (Tractor Repair) \$280.77, LARM (Work Comp Coverage) \$1,593.89, Country Partners (TIF) \$15,271.49, 3D Development (Park Doors) \$3,949.24, Larry Jurjens (Clean Up Trailer) \$100.00, Titan Machinery (Switch Ignition) \$60.75, Rod Klein (Cell Phone Apr & May) \$70.00. Expense Total \$36,279.07.



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Motion moved by Adkisson, second by Lungrin, to move \$10,183.01 to a 3-month CD at First State Bank in Farnam. Roll vote showed – Yes: unanimous; Absent: Russman; Hartley; three approved, motion carried.

Seeing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

The regular meeting for June will be held on Monday, June 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the Village of Farnam Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED